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Title: Need to provide financial relief to the people affected due to heavy storm and rain in Kerala.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Union Government towards heavy storm and rainfall, which has adversely affected four talukas, i.e. Mavelikkara, Chenganur, Kuttanad and Karthikapalli of Allappey District in Kerala during the first week of April, 2010. Due to storm and rain, more than 2,000 houses are totally damaged and more than 5,000 houses are partially damaged. Many people also got injured. The entire agricultural crops were also destroyed and thousands of acres of paddy fields got damaged. Different kinds of valuable trees had collapsed. Total electricity and electric posts in these areas disturbed and still it is not rectified and people of these areas are living without power. Because of this natural calamity, the water supply in these talukas is badly affected and the people are facing great difficulties in getting drinking water.

According to the initial assessment, total loss comes to more than Rs. 100 crore. But the State Government has not announced any calamity relief so far.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to send a high-level team to assess the total loss suffered and release substantial amounts for the immediate relief works for these talukas at the earliest.